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**The Daily Press.**

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 25TH, 1911.

At Christmas play and make good cheer,  
for Christmas comes but once a year," is the  
advice given by an old English poet; and it  
must be admitted that it is advice which is  
cheerfully followed throughout Christen-  
dom. We remember, however, encountering  
in one of the Reviews a year ago an  
article in which it was asserted that Christ-  
mas as a popular festival was becoming  
increasingly unpopular, and that the family  
Christmas, such as we may read about in  
the literature of half a century ago, had  
almost entirely disappeared. The writer  
did not disclose his place of abode, but in  
his narrow circle he became impressed  
with the waning enjoyment of the  
children and the growing boredom of the  
grown-up people who affected to join in  
their amusements. He declared that a man  
of fifty who looked back to his childish  
days and remembered the enormous im-  
portance and splendour of the Christmas  
activities and gifts, not only in the  
halls of the then prosperous country  
squires, but in the middle-class families of  
towns; when Christmas was regarded as the  
season when all the members of the family  
within available distances gathered together,  
attended the Church which they had previ-  
ously helped to decorate, gave each other  
presents, lighted up the Christmas-tree,  
played games, dined liberally, went to pan-  
tomimes, kissed each other (when not too  
nearly related) under the mistletoe, and  
generally were supposed to enjoy them-

selves—the man of fifty who can recall these  
Christmas festivities of his boyhood was  
supposed to recognise that "we have changed  
all that." But most people, we feel sure, will  
agree with us that it is difficult to find the  
evidence which justifies these opinions. We  
have doubtless changed with times to some  
extent in the matter of the observance of  
Christmas, as we have changed in much else.  
Improved travelling facilities and the ten-  
dency of the population to concentrate in  
the towns have admittedly worked for the  
disintegration of family life as the older  
writers have described it, but does not  
Christmas as a family festival appeal all the  
more strongly to the popular imagination  
on that account? Is not the enormous  
traffic over the railways at this season of the  
year almost entirely due to this? And do  
not the Christmas mails afford equally  
striking evidence against the idea of  
Christmas as a popular festival being on the  
wane? Particularly is Christmas the  
children's festival, and surely old Father  
Christmas never had busier times than he  
gets in this Twentieth Century, distributing  
toys to the young and other gifts to those  
who have passed the infant stage. In every  
home in England it is still the natural ex-  
pression of goodwill and hospitality to stuff  
a man with indigestible fare, and if he is  
not encouraged to drink weird and warm  
concoctions of wassail and negus, he is  
nevertheless entertained with the same hearty  
hospitality as of old. The mutations of time  
have necessarily brought small changes in  
the programme, but they leave the essen-  
tial traditions of the festival unimpaired;  
and it is in such remote parts of the earth as  
Hongkong, the observance of Christmas  
lacks something in its character as a  
home festival, we can at least say that it  
is not because the exile from home, man or  
woman, clings less tenaciously to its family  
traditions, for the exact contrary is the case.  
Christmas is the one day above all others  
when thoughts linger on "the old home"  
and absent friends. But we rise superior to  
the regrets these thoughts evoke, and put  
ourselves in tune with the poet who wrote:

Without the door let sorrow lie;  
And if, for cold, it hap to die,  
We'll bury it in a Christmas pie  
And—over more be merry!

There will be no issue of the *Hongkong  
Daily Press* to-morrow.

It is notified in the *Gazette* that Mr. R.  
E. Lindsell and Mr. S. B. B. McElberry,  
candidates, passed their final examination in  
Cantonese on the 25th November, 1911.

The Yaumatei police have been advised of  
a case of piracy which took place off Pinghai  
near Swatow, in Chinese waters. A junk  
was attacked by 60 men in four boats, and  
one of the crew was killed.

We are asked by Pastor Müller to men-  
tion that to-day (Christmas Day) the service  
at the German Chapel will be held at  
11 o'clock, on Silverster at 5 p.m. and on  
New Year's Day at 11 o'clock.

The American Army accounts show that  
a total sum of \$2,087,362 (gold) was appro-  
priated for army rations in the Philippines.  
The average cost per day is worked out at  
37.29 cents per day, while the average cost  
in the States is 29.03.

On Saturday afternoon the members of the  
Civil Service Cricket Club had their annual  
Christmas Tree. Mr. C. Bond acted as  
Father Christmas and distributed gifts to  
some seventy children, while the elders were  
regaled with suitable refreshment.

His Excellency the Governor has given  
his assent in the name and on be-  
half of His Majesty the King, to the  
following Ordinance passed by the Legisla-  
tive Council—Ordinance No. 59 of 1911—  
An Ordinance to further amend the Uni-  
versity Ordinance, 1911.

His Excellency the Governor has been  
pleased to appoint Mr. R. O. Hutchison to  
act as Assistant Superintendent of Police  
superintending the establishment, and  
Commander Beckwith, R.N., to assist Mr.  
R. O. Hutchison in the discharge of the  
duties of Superintendent of Imports and  
Exports, with effect from the 14th inst. until  
further notice.

In the *Government Gazette* an announce-  
ment appears regarding the representation  
of Justices of the Peace on the Legislative  
Council. The representation of the Hon.  
Mr. H. E. Pollock expires on January 16th  
next and he has expressed his willingness  
to stand again. In the event of another  
candidate being nominated, an election will  
be held on January 8.

A statement of the traffic on the British  
section of the Canton-Kowloon Railway  
for the month of October shows that  
the takings for local traffic amounted to  
\$9,443.92, and for through traffic to \$7,518.  
31. The passengers booked for local traffic  
numbered 8,397 and for through traffic  
32,082. Since the opening of the section up  
to the end of October, the total takings have  
amounted to \$150,185.51.

## TELEGRAMS. TELEGRAMS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

## THE REVOLUTION.

## THE ATTITUDE OF THE POWERS.

LONDON, December 23rd.  
Reuter states that there is no truth in  
the report that Britain and Japan insist on  
monarchical government in China. The  
efforts of Britain and other Powers are  
being directed towards assisting China to  
secure efficient government based on popu-  
lar approval.

FEARS FOR THE CONFERENCE.

LONDON, December 23rd.  
Reuter's correspondent at Peking wires  
that the Government fears that the confer-  
ence at Shanghai will fail.

The rebels are preparing to march north-  
wards via Pukow.

## ROBBING FROM THE DEAD.

LONDON, December 23rd.  
Reuter's Paris correspondent states that  
robbers have opened the grave of Madame  
Lantelme, a favourite actress, and stolen  
jewels from her body to the value of £20,000.

LATER.

The outrage on the body of the actress  
Lantelme has caused a sensation in Paris.  
The robbers scattered the images at the  
altar and removed three shells. They  
stripped the body of the wrappings of cotton  
wool, which a fallen watch fired, and the  
stifling smoke compelled them to retreat.  
The firemen afterwards extinguished the  
flames and found the jewels intact beneath  
the pillow at the head of the corpse.

## BRITISH WARSHIP IN A GALE.

LONDON, December 23rd.  
During the recent great gale, the battle-  
ship *London*, which was on her speed trials,  
near Ushant, was swept by a sea and two  
of her crew were drowned. Commander  
Forbes was injured, and afterwards two  
men were seriously injured through a steam  
pipe bursting.

## GALE IN THE NORTH SEA.

LONDON, December 23rd.  
The recent gale played havoc with the  
fisheries, especially with French and British  
vessels. Nearly one hundred fishermen  
were drowned and many vessels lost. After  
many weeks of storms and almost continuous  
rain the wind dropped to-day, and the heavy  
weather gave place to sunshine. There is  
promise of a fine Christmas.

## STRIKES IN BRITAIN.

LONDON, December 23rd.  
The Manchester paving trade employers  
this afternoon decided to recommend a lock-  
out for Wednesday. The lockout will affect  
160,000 men.

The position at Dundee is most serious.  
The shipping companies have conferred and  
refused to compromise, on the ground that  
as the matter had now assumed a national  
character there was no ground for negotia-  
tion.

Sir G. Asquith is proceeding to Dundee  
to mediate with the men's leaders.  
The strikers have succeeded in blocking  
cargoes at Leith destined for Dundee.

## RUSSIA AND PERSIA.

PERSIA ACCEPTS ALL RUSSIA'S DEMANDS.

LONDON, December 23rd.  
Reuter's correspondent at St. Petersburg  
states that the Persian Charge d'Affaires  
has called at the Foreign Office and notified  
M. Sazonoff of Persia's acceptance of all the  
demands in the Russian ultimatum.

## SEVERE FIGHTING AT TABRIZ.

Telegrams from St. Petersburg show that  
the fighting at Tabriz on the 21st inst. was  
very severe, the Fidis attacking from the  
roofs and in the streets. The Russians  
repulsed a formidable attack at Bagitcheh  
with artillery.

The Russian colony took refuge in the  
Consulate until reinforcements arrived, and  
then the artillery began the bombardment  
of the citadel, where the Fidis were mostly  
gathered. The Russian corpses were horri-  
bly mutilated by the Fidis.

After the fighting at Tabriz, the Russians  
occupied all the Government offices and the  
telegraph station. The bombardment  
demolished many private buildings, and  
fifty Persians were killed. The Russians  
occupied the police and telegraph offices at  
Resht, where a number of Government  
officials were killed.

Reuter's correspondent at Teheran wires  
that Russian official sources state that while  
the Russian Government is sincerely desirous  
of withdrawing the troops as soon as  
possible, no pledge of immediate evacuation  
will be given on compliance with the  
ultimatum. No action has yet been taken  
regarding Mr. Shuster's position.

Official notices have been posted ordering  
the people to abstain from holding political  
meetings except with the sanction of the  
police, as the question of the Russian  
ultimatum is being amicably settled.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

## THE WRECK OF THE "DELHI."

LONDON, December 23rd.  
All the specie from the steamer *Delhi* has  
been landed.

## THE OPIUM CONVENTION.

LONDON, December 23rd.  
Reuter's correspondent at The Hague  
wires that the Opium Conference has passed  
the first reading of the Opium Convention,  
and has adjourned till the 8th January.

## TURKEY AND ITALY.

LONDON, December 23rd.  
The Italian warship *Puglia* has seized in  
the Red Sea the steamer *Menzelch*, bound  
toward Hodia. The steamer had thirty  
thousand sterling on board.

LONDON, December 24th.

The *Menzelch*, was allowed to proceed  
after the cruisers took away the £30,000  
and the Ottoman parcels which she carried.

## GERMAN POLITICS.

LONDON, December 23rd.  
Herr Solf has been officially appointed  
Secretary for the Colonies.

## BRITISH POLITICS.

LONDON, December 23rd.  
Mr. Gibson Bowles has returned to the  
Conservative fold. He says the present  
crisis is one before which the Conservative  
differences sink into insignificance, and ad-  
vises all his friends to support the Conser-  
vatives.

## THE RESULT AT GOVAT.

The result of the Govat election was as  
follows:  
Holmes (Liberal) ... .. 7,508  
Balfour (Unionist) ... .. 6,522  
The Liberal majority has been reduced  
from 2,010 to 986.

## UGANDA BISHOPRIC.

LONDON, December 23rd.  
Archdeacon Willis of Kivirondo has  
accepted the Bishopric of Uganda. He  
returns to Uganda in a few weeks.

## THE AUSTRALIAN COAL VEND.

LONDON, December 23rd.  
Reuter's correspondent at Sydney cables  
that the result of the Federal suit against  
the members of the Coal Vend was that  
each defendant was fined £500 with costs  
and enjoined from continuing the mono-  
poly. The cases occupied seventy-three  
days, and the defendants comprised the  
principal Newcastle and Maitland collieries  
and interstate shipping companies. The  
penalties and costs amounted to over  
£500,000.

## WATERBURST AT WIGAN.

LONDON, December 23rd.  
A waterburst at a pit shaft near Wigan  
flooded the mine. Seventy-five men were  
rescued and twelve are still below.

LATER.

Eleven men were rescued from the  
flooded mine at Wigan late yesterday  
evening. One man was drowned.

## PORTUGUESE REGIMENT

## MUTINIES.

LONDON, December 23rd.  
A regiment at Braga in Portugal has  
mutinied and shot and wounded the colonel.  
Thirty-nine men have been arrested.

## EXCOMMUNICATION DECREE.

LONDON, December 23rd.  
The papers comment on the reissue of the  
Papal decree excommunicating private  
individuals who, without obtaining per-  
mission of the Ecclesiastical authorities,  
summon any ecclesiastical before a criminal  
or civil tribunal as a defendant or witness.  
It is stated that the Irish lay officers are  
considering the decree, which is regarded as  
denying the Roman Catholics justice.

## CEMENT COMBINE FORMED.

LONDON, December 24th.  
A British Cement Combine has been  
formed with a capital of three and a half  
millions pounds. It has an agreement with  
the Associated Cement Company. The two  
concerns will have a capital of twelve mil-  
lions and will control five-sixths of the  
British output.

GERMAN HONOUR FOR A  
JAPANESE AMBASSADOR.

LONDON, December 23rd.  
Reuter's correspondent at Berlin states  
that the Japanese Ambassador, Mr. Chinda,  
has received the Grand Cross of the Red  
Eagle on the occasion of his transfer to  
Washington.

## CANTON.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

CANTON, December 22.  
PRECAUTIONS IN FATSHAN.  
Robbers and brigands are still giving  
trouble round about Fatshan, and the  
soldiers there at present are not sufficient to  
keep the whole district in order, for when-  
ever it is necessary for them to concentrate  
anywhere to quell a rising or capture some  
daring robbers the other pirates take  
advantage of their absence in other quarters.  
Junks have suffered very severely in this  
district and there is a wholesale outcry for  
protection. A meeting held at Fatshan has  
decided to recruit one thousand men to be  
trained and form a provincial guard to  
protect commerce, especially on the river.  
The Governor's permission has been received  
and the matter is to be gone on with at  
once.

## PROPOSED MONUMENT.

The Rebels have not forgotten their un-  
successful rising last April, and one is always  
hearing comparison, contrasts, reasons, etc.,  
for its failure. Especially are the leaders  
of this unfortunate attempt remembered,  
most of whom lost their lives. Yesterday  
a proposal was put forward by a large num-  
ber of Cantonese to build a monument of  
some sort, say, a temple, in front of the  
provincial Assembly, to three of these  
"heroes" as they are always called, named  
Lam Kun Tsui, Chan King Ngan, and Wan  
Long Toi, who assassinated the Tartar  
General at the aviation meeting last April  
and who were afterwards beheaded. It is  
to be hoped that this matter will not get  
any further than talk, for it would be a  
very bad thing for the City of Rams to have  
a monument like this round which discord  
and fighting would be bound to take place.  
Besides, the present Government would be  
ill-advised to countenance anything of the  
kind in their present uncertain state.

## WINTER FESTIVAL.

Saturday was observed as a general holi-  
day among the Chinese, the occasion being  
the Winter Solstice, which is one of four  
festivals held during the year. This means  
a long week-end for business people, for  
little or nothing will be done with Christmas  
and Boxing Day coming on top of this.

## THE CLEVELAND TOURISTS.

The Cleveland tourists are coming here  
on Wednesday and Thursday, about 250 in  
number each trip. Arrangements have  
been made to have them conveyed from  
Hongkong by special steamer, the *Kiushan*  
having been chartered for that purpose, and  
on their arrival at Canton they will disembark  
at the Admiralty wharf by kind per-  
mission of the Authorities. I saw a letter  
from the Governor, headed "Kwang Tung  
Military Government," which is in itself  
significant, stating that they would guar-  
antee them protection and safe conduct  
through the city. The company is to  
proceed to the different sights in the city,  
going as far as the Temple of the 500 Geni  
and then to Shamoen, entering by the  
British Bridge. After going through the  
island they emerge by the French Bridge  
and thence along the new Bund to the wharf  
again to embark on the return voyage. The  
whole journey through the City will occupy  
about 2½ to 3 hours.

## SHAMEN NOTES.

The fifty odd Marines who have been  
quartered here for the past month have been  
relieved to-day by one hundred odd men of  
the K. O. Y. L. I., who are being quartered  
in the Naval Canteen, as were the Marines,  
and in the Swimming Club's large premises.

The residents in the island are very sorry  
to lose Captain Snapp, who proved very  
popular everywhere and whose cheery pre-  
sence will be missed for a long time.

The dance given by the Bachelor, Taipans  
was held last night in the Club Theatre and  
was a huge success. The attendance was  
highly satisfactory.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

A PROTEST AGAINST GOVERNMENT  
ACTION.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG  
DAILY PRESS."]

Sir,—Most important changes in the law  
of the Colony especially referring to  
authorised architects are being brought  
before the Legislative Council.

No opportunity whatever has been given  
us to study these changes, and we, in the  
name of the Authorised Architects of Hong-  
kong, most emphatically protest against  
such arbitrary action.—We are, Sir,

LEIGH & ORANGE,  
PALMER & TURNER,  
DENISON, RAM & GIBBS.

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1911.

THE "AWA MARU" RETURNS  
TO SEATTLE.

The Hongkong office of the N. Y. K.  
is in receipt of telegraphic communication  
from the Company's office in Seattle that  
the s.s. *Awa Maru*, which left that port  
on the 19th inst., is returning to Seattle for  
certain repairs to be effected, and was due  
back there on the 21st inst. It is estimated  
that the repairs will take three days.

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## COMPANY MEETING.

EWO COTTON SPINNING AND  
WEAVING CO., LTD.

The sixteenth ordinary meeting of share-  
holders of the Ewo Cotton Spinning and  
Weaving Co., Ltd., was held at the offices  
of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd.,  
Shanghai, last week. Mr. C. E. Anton pre-  
sided, and there were also present: Messrs.  
A. McLeod, E. E. Clark and Zee Quan-yuen  
(Consulting Committee), A. Brooker Smith  
(Secretary), Brodie A. Clark, J. C. Dyer,  
J. Kerfoot, R. U. Hummel, H. W. Dady,  
R. E. Wilson, D. Brand, J. Johnstone,  
C. H. Butler, C. H. C. Platt and Paul  
Ching-poo.

The CHAIRMAN said:—Gentlemen,—With  
your approval I propose to take the report  
and accounts for the year ended October  
31, 1911, which have been in your hands  
for some days, as read. During the first  
half of the year under review, the margin  
between cotton and our products was far  
from encouraging, but an improvement set  
in in the Spring and lasted until the out-  
break of the Revolution, at which time it  
may be said that demand for yarn was  
becoming increasingly good. The General  
Managers and Consulting Committee ven-  
ture to hope that the result of the working  
of the past twelve months may be consid-  
ered satisfactory and that the proposed ap-  
portionment of the amount at credit of profit  
and loss account will have the approval of  
shareholders.

After providing for interest due on pre-  
ference shares and the proposed dividend of  
Tls. 7 per share on the ordinary shares, the  
sum of Tls. 79,734.35 remains available for  
allocation, and I trust the desire of the  
Consulting Committee to build up our reserves  
by placing Tls. 40,000 to credit to equaliza-  
tion of dividend account will appeal to you.  
With the addition of that amount, Tls.  
290,000 will be available as the provision  
against years of bad trade. Additions and  
improvements are continually being made  
to the machinery in the mills, and those  
necessitate the transfer of Tls. 30,000 to  
special repairs and renewals account.

The machinery in both mills is in excellent  
working order, and it is to be regretted that  
the suspension of business in yarn, owing  
to the Revolution, necessitated night work  
in the No. 1 Mill being stopped on Novem-  
ber 12—at the moment, the Mills are only  
being run during the day. The yarn and  
cloth produced by our new Mill—now called  
the No. 2 Mill—was in good request until  
business came to a standstill in the middle  
of October.

Your General Managers and Consulting  
Committee being well satisfied with the re-  
sults obtained from the first lot of Looms,  
have ordered a further number, and early  
next year we should have 500 Looms in  
running order. The 1910-11 Chinese cotton  
crop was a record one, but prices were  
exceptionally high in sympathy with the  
rates ruling for American and Indian staple  
in the controlling markets.

As regards the size of this season's crop,  
it is impossible to form any idea, as, owing  
to the present disturbed state of the coun-  
try, very little cotton is being marketed and  
receipts to date compare most unfavourably  
with those of last year. My own opinion is  
that the growth is below the average; how-  
ever, the American crop promises to be a  
record one and we may reasonably expect  
to see low prices all over the world for some  
months to come.

In common with other mills we had to  
put up with much adulteration in China  
cotton during the greater part of last season  
—the addition of water and other foreign  
matter became so serious that early this  
year a movement was made by several  
firms here, and the Cotton Anti-Adultera-  
tion Association was formed, which, with  
the aid of the Consular and Diplomatic  
Bodies, succeeded in establishing the Shang-  
hai Cotton Testing House. The Testing  
House, which is controlled by the Com-  
missioner of Customs and the Committee of  
the Cotton Anti-Adulteration Association,  
commenced work early this season, and  
appears to be operating to the satisfaction  
of all interested in the Cotton trade. So  
far, it has certainly put a stop to excessive  
adulteration, and thanks of the mills and  
exporters are due to the Consular and  
Diplomatic officials who so energetically  
induced the authorities in Peking to  
recognize the imperative necessity of making  
an effort to place the raw cotton trade of  
this country on a healthy basis.

A year ago my predecessor said: "It is  
practically impossible to say how we shall  
fare this year"—to-day, I can do no more  
than repeat his words and express the hope  
that, while the outlook is, at the moment,  
gloomy, peace may soon be arranged be-  
tween the contending parties, that, at the  
next annual meeting, it may be possible to  
ask shareholders to pass an account equally  
satisfactory as the one now before you. If  
anyone wishes to ask any questions, I shall  
be pleased to answer them to the best of my  
ability.

No questions were asked, and on the propo-  
sition of the Chairman seconded by Mr.  
A. McLeod the report and accounts were  
adopted.

A dividend of 7 per cent. per share on the  
ordinary shares was authorised for payment  
on a motion by the Chairman seconded by  
Mr. Dady.

The Chairman then proposed the re-elec-  
tion of the Consulting Committee, consist-  
ing of the representative of Jardine, Math-  
eson and Co., Ltd., Messrs. A. McLeod,  
E. E. Clark and Zee Quan-yuen. This was  
seconded by Mr. Wilson and carried.

The final resolution, that Mr. Geo. R.  
Wingrove be re-elected auditor, was adopted  
on the proposition of the Chairman second-  
ed by Mr. Hummel.

The Chairman:—That is all the business,  
gentlemen. Dividend warrants will be  
ready to-morrow.



## RANDOM REFLECTIONS.

I'm not too soon this year. A Merry Christmas to you!

It looks, too, as if we are going to have the weather that we would all wish for this season of good will and general happiness. A sleazy sort of Christmas is something like a calamity, certifying as it does the pleasure of the occasion, but with bright skies and a bracing atmosphere it needs little effort to be merry.

The Christmas mail was a particularly heavy one, and not a few plum puddings came to hand. It is to be hoped that these will prove to be as palatable as the donors desired, but even if they don't it will not matter much, as they would still be appreciated for the kindness and the remembrance which prompted their despatch. While there were happy recipients of parcels on Thursday and Friday there were many who had to realize that their friends at home had not been warned to post in time, with the result that after the festivities have run their course parcels will be arriving which revive the Christmas and New Year feeling.

Though the year is turning to its close, the Legislative Council has not concluded its labours in passing laws for the Colony, and it seems as if it had some more work in front of it. The members are by no means unanimous over the Public Health and Buildings Amendment Ordinance, and as others affected by the Bill would like to be heard on the subject there is every likelihood that it will not become law this year, even though it may reach the Revised Edition of the Statutes of the Colony incomplete.

The Bill certainly makes quite a number of changes. It amends the franchise and gives votes—not to women, but to professors and other academic officers. It is an ill that the gentlemen to be identified with the University should know what their privileges are. It may help them to overcome any scruples about having Home for the Far East.

However, the most important of the changes are those which seek to give to the Director of Public Works certain arbitrary powers as Building Authority. The unofficial members with one accord opposed the proposal, and the explanation of the promoters that no better scheme could be devised was pool-pooled by most of the officials who will no doubt set themselves to the task of proving that a better arrangement can be devised.

One could almost wish that Hongkong had a badge to change every week if the operation gives opportunities for such a speech as the Acting Colonial Secretary delivered on Thursday. It was amusing, as well as critical, and helped us to realise what a blot had rested on our tie-dye reputation for so many years. As a matter of fact, the badge has hitherto been seen so seldom that nobody ever dreamed that it was so ugly until the discovery was made in the Colonial Secretary's Office. The new badge is undoubtedly simple in design, and nobody need blush to see it on our flag.

The man who is credited with having organized the present revolution in China, Dr. Sun Yat Sen, passed through Hongkong on Thursday. The fact that he refused to be interviewed shows that he has some sense of his responsibility, though this may be doubted on reading the utterances which he is reported to have made to a Chinese audience in the afternoon. He wants to borrow money from foreigners without giving security. This would suggest that the hospitality which he received in Europe has led him to form wrong conclusions and to imagine that foreigners are philanthropists first and business men afterwards. I don't think he will hug that delusion very long.

It is a worthy motive which prompts a man to safeguard the rights of a minority, but when that minority does not even exist it seems like a sheer waste of goodness. On Thursday last the Legislative Council was started when the Colonial Treasurer demanded recognition for the Clergy of the Church of Scotland in the list of voters and rebuked the Attorney-General for suggesting that such a person came under the heading of a Protestant Dissenter, rightly pointing out that the Church of Scotland was an Established Church. But when it transpired that there were no clergy of that ilk in the Colony the Treasurer had sorrowfully to admit that there was no occasion for his taking further action. It does seem an anomaly that a Colony which boasts one of the largest gatherings of Scots in the Far East cannot run to a national church. Does it mean that the Scot forgets his early training, the ten Commandments, and sundry other teachings when he gets East of Suez? I hope not.

RODERICK RANDOM.

## HAMBURG LETTER.

December 21st, 1911.

## THE POLITICAL SITUATION.

Sir Edward Grey's speech on the Moroccan difficulties in the House of Commons on Monday night has failed to satisfy public opinion in this country. "Whoever expected it to forebode a change in Great Britain's attitude towards Germany has been mistaken," says the *Coloane Gazette*, frequently the mouthpiece of the Foreign Office in Berlin. He vindicates the policy he has pursued so far in the matter, and even the Opposition declares its approval of it. This was to be looked for, as it would have been contrary to the traditions of the British Parliament to leave the Government in the lurch on a question of foreign policy, which, although the danger point may be passed for the present, will continue to exercise an important influence on the general state of affairs for some time to come. The *Freie Zeitung*, the ultra-conservative organ, thinks that the speech, which has been applauded by all parties in England and appears to have somewhat relieved the tension there, was not conciliatory (entgegenkommend); "it has neither improved the situation nor made it worse, so that for the present everything remains as it was." All papers agree that the pacific assurances of Sir Edward and the hope he expressed of more friendly relations with Germany in the future lack warmth, but they admit that he is right in saying that the process of reconciliation can be but a slow and gradual one and cannot be accelerated. Sir Edward states that England desires to live on terms of equality with Germany; let her prove it by no longer regarding us as a place in the sun; but as long as she looks askance at our colonial expansion and presumes to interfere in our dealings with other Powers, although her interests are by no means concerned, we must doubt the sincerity of her friendly assurances. "It is deeds not words we want to convince us of Great Britain's goodwill," is the cry of one and all. To be treated on an equal footing and to be left alone, is all we demand, adds the *Reiniger Tagblatt*, a liberal newspaper. At the same time Sir Edward's statement with regard to the triple entente, that it would become an impossibility if one of its members were to harbour aggressive designs against Germany or any Power, has been noted with satisfaction.

The discrepancy in the statement of the Reichskanzler in his speech in the Reichstag the other day, that he had received no communications from the British Government between the 1st and 21st of July, and Sir Edward's assertion that he had several informal interviews with the German Ambassador during that time without being able to elicit any information, is generally commented upon, and it is asked why, if that was so, was not Sir Edward Goeben, the British Ambassador in Berlin, instructed to enquire of Herr von Bethmann-Hollweg himself. It is thought, however, that it may have been an oversight that will probably be explained in the coming debates on the Moroccan treaty in the Reichstag, and that at any rate it appears to be no longer of any consequence. More importance is attached to the significance given to Mr. Lloyd George's speech at the Guildhall on the evening of the 21st, which the German Reichskanzler would fain represent as being an after-dinner utterance; and surprise is expressed that the Foreign Secretary and his two colleagues, Mr. Asquith and Mr. Lloyd George, should have allowed themselves to be alarmed by unsubstantiated newspaper reports and still less by plausible native rumours from the coast.

The effect of Sir Edward's speech on the Bourse has been decidedly reassuring, and though no boom has followed, great firmness once more prevails and quotations are tending upwards. Trade generally seems to be pretty active, the accounts from the manufacturing districts, more particularly from the iron and textile centres, leave little to be desired taking them altogether, of which the difficulty in obtaining railway trucks for the transportation of raw materials to the interior affords corroborative evidence.

## COMMERCIAL NEWS.

Copper and copper mining shares have been attracting attention of late, as present and prospective supplies of this metal are represented to fall far short of the requirements of the trade. There is little change to report in the prices of other articles, such as wool, cotton, coffee, sugar, &c. With regard to the last-named commodity, the announcement by Sir Edward Grey that Great Britain might under certain contingencies feel obliged to withdraw from the Brussels beet sugar convention at its expiration on September 1, 1913, is being much discussed. It may be remembered that up to the year 1902 the beet producing countries not only loved a high import duty on foreign sugar but granted premiums on exports of the native article as well. The consequence was that beet sugar was sold cheaper in the English markets than at home, by which the preserving and other industries there benefited largely, whilst the growing colonies complained of being ruined by the low prices ruling. At their urgent and reiterated representations the British Government entered into negotiations with the beet producing countries for the abolition of export premiums, and a convention was concluded between the several Powers in Brussels in March, 1902, providing for a cessation of export premiums, a reduction of the import duties, and the exclusion of sugar from such countries as refused to join. Russia was the only one that remained outside, and her sugars were consequently shut out from the European markets. The result of the convention was that prices rose in Great Britain, which suited the colonies, but called forth remonstrances from the various trades that used the article, so that Government felt it necessary before renewing the convention in 1907 to stipulate that England

should be permitted to import 200,000 tons annually from Russia. This was conceded, but the latter Power now demands that the quantity be increased to 600,000 tons, and is supported in this by Great Britain, which, however, declares itself satisfied with an additional 300,000 tons, say, 500,000 tons altogether, both governments engaging to renew the convention for another five years from Sept. 1, 1903, should their request be granted, but threatening to give notice to terminate the treaty on Sept. 1, 1912, should no agreement be arrived at. The permanent delegates from the different countries who are about to hold their annual meeting in Brussels on Dec. 8 will therefore have to consider the necessity of convening a congress of representatives of their governments early in the new year to discuss the question, which may result in an abrogation of the sugar convention altogether and to a return to the old system of high protective duties and export premiums.

THE PROPOSED HIGH COLONIAL COURT.

It is reported that while the proposed High Colonial Court will be definitely established at Berlin, a disciplinary colonial chamber will be opened in Hamburg.

## THE POLICE BALL.

Although the atmosphere was rather sultry for dancing on Friday night, the annual ball organised by members of the Police Force drew a large number of terpsichorean enthusiasts to the City Hall. The function has become an institution in Hongkong, and the present ball was quite on a par with those of preceding years. The police who organised the ball were as assiduous as ever in attending to the comforts of their guests. The decorations were not on what could be termed a lavish scale, but they were as effective as could be wished. The staircase leading to the two halls was a mass of greenery and hunting, and St. George's Hall, in which the dancing took place, was prettily decorated with festoons of greenery. The supper tables were laid in St. Andrew's Hall, as of yore, and the old Chamber of Commerce room was again the meeting place for numerous guests who found dancing too irksome and preferred to while away the hours by card playing. The bar was in charge of Messrs. Atwell, Clarke and Cockle.

Messrs. J. Ogg and Cockle were the card room committee, while the supper arrangements were carried out by Messrs. J. Watt and J. Grant. The decorations and the general arrangements in connection with the function were carried out by a general committee, of which Mr. Barker was the head. The secretary, Mr. Lee, has occupied the position for the past five years, and his energy was again responsible this year for the undoubted success attained.

Dancing commenced at nine o'clock, and it is estimated that fully 250 dancers were present. The dance music was played by the band of the K.O.Y.L.L. The M.C.s were Messrs. R. C. Watt, W. Stuart and A. Pattison. The programme, a very lengthy one, included three waltzes, as was the case last year, two lancers, two sets of quadrilles, military two step, an eight some, Boston two-step, Schottische, a caldonian, a polka, and a Sir Roger de Coverley. The programme was, in fact, almost the counterpart of last year's.

## THE EXPORT OF CHINESE PRODUCE.

A report just issued by the Imperial Maritime Customs, giving an analysis of the export trade from China, contains the following table showing the value of the export of Chinese produce to foreign countries for ten years:—

YEAR.	VALUE.
1901	169,656,757
1902	214,181,584
1903	214,352,467
1904	239,486,683
1905	227,888,197
1906	236,450,739
1907	264,380,697
1908	276,660,493
1909	358,992,814
1910	380,833,328

## COMMISSIONS IN THE SPECIAL RESERVE OR TERRITORIAL FORCE.

The following dispatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies is published in the *Government Gazette*:—

Downing Street.

15th November, 1911.

SIR,—I have the honour to inform you that the War Office have had under their consideration the question whether commissions in the Special Reserve or Territorial Force can be held by gentlemen belonging to the permanent Civil Service of the Crown Colonies and Protectorates, and that the Army Council have now decided that—

- Commissions in the Special Reserve will no longer be given to gentlemen permanently employed in civil capacities in the Crown Colonies and Protectorates.
- Officers of the Special Reserve who are at present holding, or who may in future accept, such permanent civil appointments will be called upon to resign their commissions.
- There is no necessity for an officer of the Territorial Force who has been seconded to resign his commission until he shall have reached the limit of the period (four years) during which he may be seconded from that force.
- The Army Council have further intimated that officers will no longer be permitted to retire under the provisions of Article 510 of the Royal Warrant if they intend to take up permanent civil appointments in British Colonies and Protectorates. It is not meant, however, that the rule as to resignation of their commissions in the Special Reserve should have retrospective effect as regards officers who retired under the above-mentioned Article and are now employed under Colonial Governments.—I have, &c.,

L. HARCOURT.

The Officer Administering the Government of Hongkong.

## LOCAL SPORT.

C.C.C. v. K.O.Y.L.L.

This league match resulted in a win for the C.C.C. Score:—

	C.C.C.	K.O.Y.L.L.
Y. Cpl. Dempsey, o Vireash, b Taylor	47	14
Pte. Cleary, o J. Bragg, b Taylor	14	0
Pte. Castleman, o Hancock, b Lammer	0	5
Cpl. Priestland, b Taylor	5	8
L. Cpl. Peckhurst, o and b Taylor	8	4
Pte. Darling, o E. Bragg, b Lammer	4	2
C. Sgt. Knight, o E. Bragg, b Lammer	2	5
Pte. Hall, b Taylor	5	3
Pte. Lightfoot, b Lammer	3	10
Pte. Thompson, not out	10	11
Pte. Tate, o Noria, b Taylor	11	6
Extras	16	16
Total	115	74

Downing Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Bragg, J.	6	1	16	—
Pestonji	7	2	15	—
Taylor	15.1	1	50	6
Lammer	11	1	23	4

	O.	M.	R.	W.
J. D. Noria, b Dempsey	5	0	0	0
L. A. Rose, o Knight, b Dempsey	0	0	0	0
G. A. Hancock, o Hall, b Peckhurst	0	0	0	0
J. V. Bragg, o Hall, b Peckhurst	0	0	0	0
R. A. Carvalho, not out	0	0	0	0
H. H. Taylor, b Dempsey	0	0	0	0
E. L. Bragg, b.w., Priestland	0	0	0	0
L. E. Lammer, not out	0	0	0	0
W. H. Vireash	0	0	0	0
R. Bass	0	0	0	0
R. Pestonji	0	0	0	0

Extras 7

Total for 6 Wks. 120

## HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB v. HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

This match was played on the Hongkong C.C. grounds, and resulted in an easy win for the Hongkong Club. The scores were as follows:—

	HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB	HONGKONG GOLF CLUB
Chapman, o Hancock, b Donnelly	3	3
Sutcliffe, b Fowler	3	3
Addison, b Donnelly	25	3
Bird, b Donnelly	2	2
Wood, o Hancock, b Fowler	10	10
Crawford, b Pearce	18	18
Bagnall, o Atkinson, b Hewison	17	17
Hutchinson, o Connelly, b Pearce	1	1
Wells, not out	0	0
W. Oke, o Pearce, b Hewison	0	0
Dashwood, o Brown, b Hewison	0	0
Extras	8	8
Total	87	87

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Donnelly	9	1	37	3
Fowler	5	1	12	2
Hewison	7	1	21	3
Pestonji	3.7	1	9	2

## HONGKONG CLUB.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Ror. Hewison, b.w., b Bird	5	0	0	0
Pearce o Dashwood, b Bagnall	0	0	0	0
Moss, o Crawford, b Addison	0	0	0	0
Fareley b Bird	0	0	0	0
Fehelings not out	0	0	0	0
Fowler, o Dashwood b Bagnall	0	0	0	0
Atkinson, St. Dashwood, b Bird	0	0	0	0
Extras	8	0	0	0

six wickets for ... 171

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Bird	12	2	39	2
Bagnall	11	1	52	2
Hutchinson	6	—	34	—
Addison	6	—	38	—

## LEAGUE FOOTBALL.

R. E. beat the Hongkong Club by three goals to nil.

Naval Yard defeated R. G. A. by four goals to two.

## CHRISTMAS FIXTURES.

K.O.W. v. C.C.C.

A friendly match has been arranged to be played on Tuesday, commencing at 11 a.m.

The following will represent the C.C.C.

H. H. Taylor, G. A. Hancock, L. E. Lammer

W. H. Vireash, R. Pestonji, L. A. Rose, J. I.

Noria, R. Phillips, C. Johnstone, S. Battling

and R. Bass.

H.K.C.C. v. UNITED SERVICES.

For this annual two days' fixture, the following have been selected to play for the Hongkong Cricket Club against the United Services:—

A. C. E. Elborough, R. E. O. Bird, T. Pearce, H. Hancock, R. O. Hutchinson, A. E. Dashwood, A. E. Fowler, M. A. Moss, R. E. Thurfild, D. E. Donnelly and A. R. Sutcliffe.

Play to commence to-day at 2.15 p.m., and to-morrow at 10 a.m.

Tiffin to be obtained at the pavilion on the 25th instant, at 1 o'clock.

## LAWN BOWLS.

Kowloon Bowling Green closed its season on Saturday afternoon when the finals in three competitions were played and the members were "at home" to their friends.

There was a good attendance. The championship competition resulted in an easy win for A. Ramsay over D. Keith by 21 to 6. G. R. Edwards beat S. Gray for the President's prize, by 21 to 10, and C. Alexander won from D. Cooper in the Edwards Cup by 21 to 20. At the close of play the prizes were presented by Mrs. Edwards as under:—

Championship—A. Ramsay; runner up, D. Keith.

President's prize—G. R. Edwards; runner up, S. Gray.

Vice-President's prize—G. R. Edwards; runner up, S. Gray.

"Telegraph" Cup (handicap competition)—J. Guy; runner up, A. Ramsay.

Edwards Cup—C. Alexander; runner up, D. Cooper.

Croquet singles competition—G. R. Edwards; runner up, G. K. Haxton.

Mr. D. Harvey, the president of the club, afterwards presented Mrs. Edwards with a beautiful bouquet, and on the call of Mr. W. Russell the donors of prizes were thanked for their gifts.

## BOXING.

A good house witnessed the boxing at the City Hall on Saturday night. Bill Lewis acted as referee and the watch was in the hands of Mr. C. Bond.

The chief event of the programme was a twenty-two-minute round bout for the 10 stone championship of the Orient between Micky Dunn of H.M.S. *Minotaur* and Stoker Arnold of H.M.S. *Monmouth*. This was the full twenty rounds and ended in a draw. It was a good clean fight throughout, but owing to the continual clinching, was somewhat uninteresting. The decision of the referee met with the approval of the audience.

There were four preliminary bouts. The first was between Ferrigan of the *Minotaur* and Littlejohn of the *Tamar*. The latter was altogether too good for his opponent and Ferrigan was in trouble from the start. The third round saw him hugging the boards for over 10 seconds.

Seaman Gunner of the *Detra* and Seaman Skinner of the *Monmouth* next clashed, and mixed matters for a couple of rounds. In the third Skinner got in a heavy punch on to the jaw and Gunner had no further interest in the proceedings.

Six two-minute rounds between Healy and Duff, both of the *Minotaur*, proved very interesting. Healy did most of the leading, and several times got his men into tight corners, but Duff cleverly smothered up and thereby evaded punishment. There was plenty of glo and tale and at the finish of the bout honours were even.

Gannor Box, 12 stone, and Seaman Steer, 11 stone, next took the arena. They smacked each other for the first two minutes, and provided a golden opportunity for witty remarks from some of the onlookers. In the second round Steer waited all over Burt and put him to sleep with a gentle tap on the point.

Myles challenged the winner of the Arnold-Dunn bout for a side bet of \$400. Pettis is inclined to meet Steer.

## X'MAS SERVICES.

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL.

The Roman Catholic Cathedral was gaily decorated for the celebration of Christmas. The Church was filled with a large congregation. Mass started at 10.30 p.m. His Lordship Bishop Pozzani officiating with the assistance of the full clergy. The following were sung by the Sanctuary choir: "Christe eleison" and "Gloria in excelsis Deo." The hymn "Jesu Redemptor" and "Patens 2, 18, 44, 47, 71, 84, 68, 95 and 97."

The *Te Deum* was solemnly sung by the full choir, followed by the Pontifical Mass (music by choir). A hymn in B flat, accompanied by the orchestra of the Philharmonics and by Messrs. M. Baptista, A. Omond and R. Baptista.

The *Adeste Fideles* was sweetly sung by a member of St. Joseph's choir and responded by the congregation. The services concluded at 11 a.m. when communion was administered to many.

This morning's solemn High Mass will be held at 8 o'clock, with sermon and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 5.30 p.m.

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KAISERLICH DEUTSCHES KONSULAT.  
Canton, den 20. Dezember 1911. [1473]

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG.

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Hongkong, 24th October, 1911. [1238]

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## CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAYS.

ON and from SATURDAY, December 23rd, CHEAP EXCURSION TICKETS from HONGKONG, KOWLOON and YAU TAI TO CANTON and vice versa will be issued at following Reduced Rates:—

FIRST CLASS RETURN, 86.00  
SECOND " " " 3.00  
THIRD " " " 2.00

These Tickets are available for the Return Journey by any Train up to and including Train leaving CANTON at 2.25 P.M. WEDNESDAY, January 3rd.

Holders of these Tickets are entitled to free passage across the Harbour by the Star Ferry, and are not permitted to break the Journey at Intermediate Stations.

By Order,  
H. P. WINSLOW,  
Manager,  
British Section,  
Canton-Kowloon Railway.

By Order,  
THE ADMINISTRATION,  
Imperial Chinese Section,  
Canton-Kowloon Railway.

Kowloon, 21st December, 1911. [1463]

## HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

## ST. GEORGE'S BUILDINGS.

## NOTICE.

THE extension of the Electric Light to the Peak District is expected to be completed by about the end of March, 1912.

Intending consumers are advised to have their Houses wired in readiness, to avoid delay in obtaining the light.

The Company are prepared to submit estimates for Wiring Houses on application.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,  
Agents,  
Hongkong, 16th December, 1911. [1432]

## THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

## (In Liquidation).

APPLICATION has been made to the Liquidator of this Company to issue to Mrs. CASIMIRA FERNANDES BASTO of Hongkong, a Duplicate Certificate of Two "B" shares Nos. 207541 to 207555 inclusive in the Company, or other certificate to or certificates in lieu thereof, upon the statement that the original certificate in her name dated April 21st 1891, has been lost or destroyed, and Notice is hereby given that if within 30 days from the date hereof no claim or representation in respect of such original certificate is made to the Liquidator he will then proceed to deal with such application for a duplicate.

A. R. LOWE,  
Chartered Accountant,  
Liquidator.  
Hongkong, 8th December, 1911. [1404]

## BROWN, JONES &amp; Co.

ITALIAN MARBLE FIGURES, CROSSES and HEADSTONES, BLACK, RED and GREY GRANITE MEMORIALS in Stock.

WREATHS with Glass Shades from 4 up.  
BROWN, JONES & Co.,  
41, Morrison Hill Road.  
Telephone 423.  
Hongkong, 18th October, 1911. [1776]

## ENTERTAINMENTS

## THEATRE ROYAL.

## 2 NIGHTS ONLY 2

DECEMBER 29th and 30th.

W. RONALD CROOKE

PRESENTS THE

## LONDON MUSICAL AND COMEDY Co.

REFINED AND UNIQUE ENTERTAINMENT.

PRICE: AS USUAL.

Acknowledged to be the strongest combination that has ever toured in the East.  
Plans Open at THE ROBINSON PIANO Co.  
Hongkong, 22nd December, 1911. [1464]

## VICTORIA THEATRE.

FROM TONIGHT AND FOR A FEW NIGHTS ONLY.

THE GREAT COLOURED FILM  
"THE SIEGE OF CALAIS"

(The Best Film produced.)

GRAND XMAS MATINEE  
on 25th Dec., at 4 P.M.  
Extraordinary Success of The Hongkong Favourite Artistic.

The Charming  
MISS LYNDY DAVIES.  
Hongkong, 22nd December, 1911. [1385]

## NOTICES OF FIRMS

## NOTICE.

WE HAVE This Day been appointed AGENTS for the "SWEDISH EAST ASIATIC CO., LTD." Copenhagen.  
ARTHUR NILSSON & Co.  
Stockholm, 1st of November, 1911. [1444]

## NOTICE.

WE HAVE This Day Established Ourself as Import and Export Merchants Commission and Steamship Agents.  
ARTHUR NILSSON & Co.  
Hongkong, 20th December, 1911. [1445]

## NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day authorised Mr. SOOMARBOH MOWJEE to Sign my Firm.  
E. PABANEY.  
Hongkong, 23rd December, 1911. [1467]

## PUBLIC AUCTIONS

## AUCTIONS

## G. R.

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS and CONDITIONS of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on WEDNESDAY, the 27th day of December, 1911, at 3 P.M., at the Offices of the PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, by Order of HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR, of One Lot of CROWN LAND at Tai Ping Shan, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a CROWN RENT to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty THE KING, for one further term of 75 years.

## PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sub-Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.	Contents in feet.	Area in Acres, Roods, and Poles.	Value in Hong Kong Dollars.
1001	Tai Ping Shan	100' x 100'	10,000	2 1/4	10,000

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE undersigned has received instructions from Messrs. PERCY SMITH, SEAR & FLEMING, the Liquidators of GED RENWICK & Co., Ltd., in Liquidation, to Sell by Public Auction.

On THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, the 28th and 29th December, 1911, each day commencing at 10.30 A.M. at the Works, No. 13, Praya East, Wanchai.

A Number of ENGINEERS' AND BOILERMAKERS' MACHINE TOOLS; including LATHES, SLOTTING and DRILLING MACHINES, BOILER SHELLS, DRILLING MACHINE, PUNCHING and SHEARING MACHINE, PLATE BENDING MACHINE, and PLATE FLATTENING ROLLERS, STEAM ENGINES and BOILERS and a Quantity of LINE SHAFTING and PULLEYS, ONE NEW MODERN TYPE PLANING MACHINE, and a Quantity of MACHINE and HAND TOOLS and GENERAL ENGINEERS' SUPPLIES; FOUNDRY CRANE and LADLES; ALSO

A Large Stock of MATERIALS Comprising STEEL, IRON and COPPER in BARS, TUBES and SHEETS, TOOL STEEL, PIPE FITTINGS, BRASS and GUN-METAL, STEAM and WATER FITTINGS, BOLTS and NUTS, RIVETS, &c., &c.; AND

Two STEAM LAUNCHES and Two SETS of SHEER LEGS 25 and 50 Tons Capacity. Terms—Cash on delivery.  
On View from MONDAY the 18th Dec., 1911.  
GEO. P. LAMBERT,  
Auctioneer.  
Hongkong, 15th December, 1911. [1453]

## A LING &amp; CO.

19, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

FURNITURE and PHOTO GOODS STORE.

Photographic Goods of every Description in Stock.

Developing and Printing Undertaken

Hongkong, 31st July, 1907. [1271]

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## LANE, CRAWFORD &amp; CO.,

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ARE NOW SHOWING

NEW DESIGNS in HALL STANDS, SIDEBORDS, WRITING TABLES.

BEDROOM SUITES and BEDSTEADS,

ALL IN SELECTED TEAK.

HIGH-CLASS CABINET WORK.

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## THE BANK OF TAIWAN, LIMITED

(INCORPORATED BY SPECIAL IMPERIAL CHARTER.)

Capital ..... Yen 10,000,000  
Capital Subscribed (paid up) ..... Yen 6,250,000  
Reserve Fund ..... Yen 2,620,000

HEAD OFFICE: TAIPEI, FORMOSA

BRANCHES AND AGENTS:  
Amoy Swatow Tainan  
Anping Kobe Tamsui  
Canton Nagasaki Tokyo  
Fuzhou Osaka Yokohama  
Keelung Shanghai

## HONGKONG OFFICE:

3, DES VOUX ROAD.  
Interest allowed on Current Accounts  
Deposits received on terms which may be had on application.  
K. TSUDZURABARA, Manager.  
Hongkong, 1st May, 1911. [1316]

## THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL ..... Yen 48,000,000  
PAID-UP CAPITAL ..... Yen 30,000,000  
RESERVE FUND ..... Yen 17,150,000

HEAD OFFICE—YOKOHAMA.

Branches and Agencies at

Antung-Hsien Liao-Yang Ryojin (Port Arthur)  
Bombay London San Francisco  
Changhai Lyons Shanghai  
Dairen (Dalny) Nagasaki Tientsin  
Fengtien (Mukden) Newchwang Tientsin  
Hankow Osaka Tokyo  
Hankow Osaka Tokyo  
Kobe

INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS  
Deposits received for fixed periods at rates to be obtained on application.

TAKEO TAKAMICHI,  
Manager,  
Hongkong, 25th September, 1911. [441]

## HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL ..... \$15,000,000  
RESERVE FUNDS:—  
STERLING ..... \$15,000,000  
SILVER ..... \$16,750,000

RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS \$15,000,000

## COURT OF DIRECTORS.

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HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED.

On Current Account at the rate of Two per cent. per annum on the Daily Balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS.

For 3 months, 2 1/2 per cent. per annum

For 6 months, 3 per cent. per annum

For 12 months, 4 per cent. per annum

N. J. STABE,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 5th October 1911. [19]

## THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 18th

HEAD OFFICE—LONDON.

PAID-UP CAPITAL ..... £1,200,000

RESERVE FUND ..... £1,325,000

RESERVE LIABILITIES OF PROPRIETORS ..... £1,200,000

INTEREST allowed on Current Accounts at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the Daily Balance.

On Fixed Deposits for 12 months 4 per cent

" " for 6 " 3 1/2

" " for 3 " 3

" " for 1 " 2 1/2

WM. DICKSON,  
Manager.

Hongkong, 2nd May, 1911. [148]

## INTERNATIONAL BANKING CORPORATION.

CAPITAL PAID UP ..... Gold \$3,250,000

RESERVE FUND ..... Gold \$3,250,000

Gold \$6,500,000

HEAD OFFICE: 60 Wall Street, New York.

LONDON OFFICE: 36 Bishopsgate.

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NATIONAL PROVINCIAL BANK OF ENGLAND, LTD.

THE CAPITAL & COUNTING BANK, LIMITED.

BRANCHES AND AGENTS ALL OVER THE WORLD.

The Corporation transacts every description of Banking and Exchange Business, receives money on Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on daily balances and accepts Fixed Deposits at the following rates:

For 6 " 3 1/2

For 3 " 3

For 1 " 2 1/2

GEORGE HOGG,  
Manager.

No. 9, Queen's Road, Central

Hongkong, 21st February, 1911. [1287]

## TO LET

## TO LET.

NO. 34, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL (SHOP), opposite The Old Post Office, No. 24, D'AGUILAR STREET, suitable for Godown, etc.  
Lately occupied by Vienna Café & Co.  
For Particulars, etc., apply to—  
CHANG FAT,  
Care of YEE SANG FAT,  
Same address.  
YEE SANG FAT & Co.  
Hongkong, 5th October, 1911. [1243]

## TO LET.

OFFICES in KING'S BUILDING.

Apply to—  
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LD.  
Hongkong, 15th December, 1911. [1423]

## TO LET.

NO. 9, BEACONSFIELD ARCADE

(Shop). BEACONSFIELD.

"BANGOUR," No. 72, PRAY. 5 Roomed

Bungalow with Tennis Court. From 15th Dec.

Rent \$125.00 and taxes.

"MERION," No. 9, The Peak, 6 ROOMS

use of Tennis Court

ROD GATE, near The King's Park, Kowloon.

"KELLET CREST," No. 66, PRAY.

No. 57, PRAYA GRANDE, Macao.

FOR SALE.—TOR CREST, at Peak, com-

manding a Magnificent View of the Harbour

and Adjacent Islands.

Apply to— LINDSEY & DAVIS,

3rd Floor, Alexandra Buildings.

Hongkong, 15th November, 1911. [113]

## TO LET.

GODOWN, No. 4, New Pray, Kennedy

Town.

Apply to—

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LD.

Hongkong, 1st December, 1911. [1116]

## TO LET.

OFFICES TO LET: First class, central

accommodation, light and airy, on First,

Second, or Third Floor in new building being

erected for MESSRS. WHITEWAY LUDLOW

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Electric lift to all floors, Electric Light

throughout.

The plan can be seen and all particulars

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Messrs. PALMER & TURNER,

Alexandra Buildings, 3rd Floor.

Hongkong, 9th December, 1911. [1408]

## TO LET.

Furnished for 10 Months from 15th March next.

CRAIGIE, BARKER ROAD, PEAK.

Tennis Court.

Apply to— A. H. SKELTON,

Care of LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, 20th December, 1911. [1446]

## TO LET.

NEW AND COMMODIOUS SHOPS,

Nathan Road, Kowloon. Immediate

Possession.—Cheap Bantals.

KOWLOON MARINE LOT 48, Yauwai.

Area 85,200 square feet with 255 feet Sea

Frontage. Especially suited for Storage of

Coal, Timber, &c.

Apply to—

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A Moderate Price, 40 ACRES OF LAND

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## ARRIVALS

## DEPARTURES

### EDITING REPORT.

**PASSENGERS.**

EXPECTED

### VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL

THE CANADIAN MAIL.

THE INDIAN MAIL.

MERCHANT STEAMER

## LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

PASSED THE CANAL

To ascertain the anchorage of any Vessels, the Harbour has been divided into Four Sections commencing from Green Island. Vessels anchoring nearest Kowloon are marked

## SECTIONS.

1. From Green Island to the Harbour Master's 2. From Harbour Master's to Blake Pier 3. From Blake Pier to Naval Yard. 4. From Naval Yard to East Point.

DESTINATION.	VESSEL'S NAME.	FLAG & RIG	BERTH	CAPTAIN.	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON, ROTTERDAM & ANTWERP	DENHIGHSIRE	Brit. str.	—	R. A. Peters	JARDINE MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 10th Jan.
LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	SYRIA	Brit. str.	—	Stehr	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 10th Jan.
ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG & ANTWERP, &c.	SAXONIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Faass	HAMBURG-AMERIKA	On 16th Feb.
ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG & ANTWERP, &c.	SPESIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Mass	HAMBURG-AMERIKA	On 27th Feb.
LAVERE, ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG & ANTWERP, &c.	BRASILIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Boldt	HAMBURG-AMERIKA	On 7th Jan.
HAVRE, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &c.	DORTMUND	Ger. str.	k. w.	Rouss	HAMBURG-AMERIKA	On 13th Jan.
HAVRE, HAMBURG & ANTWERP, &c.	SILESIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Boch	HAMBURG-AMERIKA	On 2nd Feb.
HAVRE, ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG, &c.	SAMPIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Bernat	HAMBURG-AMERIKA	On 3rd Feb.
HAVRE, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &c.	ANTARA	Ger. str.	k. w.	F. P. Cope	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 18th Feb.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	KITANO MARU	Jap. str.	—	R. Takela	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 3rd Jan., at D'lig
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	IO MARU	Jap. str.	—	Doinat	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 17th Jan., at D'lig
MARSEILLES, HAVRE & HAMBURG, &c.	SEGOVIA	Jap. str.	k. w.	—	HAMBURG-AMERIKA	On 23rd Jan.
VICTORIA, B.C. & TACOMA VIA JAPAN &c.	CHICAGO MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	On 27th inst., at 11 A.
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE VIA SHANGHAI, &c.	TAMBA MARU	Jap. str.	—	K. Noda	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 2nd Jan., at Noon
VICTORIA, B.C. & TACOMA VIA SHANGHAI, &c.	CANADA MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	On 9th Jan., at 11 A.
NAPLES GENOA ALGERIE, GIBRALTAR & SOUTHAMPTON	KLEIST	Ger. str.	—	L. Maass	MELCHERS & Co.	On 27th inst., at Noon
BOSTON & NEW YORK VIA PORTS & SUEZ CANAL	INDRAVELLI	Am. str.	—	—	DOUGLAS LAFFRAIE & Co.	About 26th inst.
BOSTON & NEW YORK	DACE CASTLE	Brit. str.	—	—	SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.	About 12th Jan.
VANCOUVER VIA SHANGHAI JAPAN, &c.	MONTROAGLE	Brit. str.	2 m.	W. Davison	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. Co.	On 30th inst., at Noon
VANCOUVER VIA SHANGHAI JAPAN, &c.	EMPEROR OF INDIA	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. Co.	On 27th Jan., at 7 A.
VANCOUVER, B.C., SEATTLE & PORTLAND, &c.	SUTHER	Brit. str.	—	—	THE BANK LINE, LIMITED	On 9th Jan.
SAN FRANCISCO VIA SHANGHAI & JAPAN, &c.	TENTO MARU	Brit. str.	—	A. G. Stevens	TOTO KAISEN KAISHA	On 29th inst., at Noon
SAN FRANCISCO VIA SHANGHAI & JAPAN, &c.	PESIA	Am. str.	—	—	PACIFIC MAIL S.S. Co.	On 5th Jan., at 1 P.
SAN FRANCISCO VIA SHANGHAI & JAPAN, &c.	KORAI	Ger. str.	—	Leuz	PACIFIC MAIL S.S. Co.	On 12th Jan., at 1 P.
ALL AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	DRING STOIEMUND	Brit. str.	—	—	MELCHERS & Co.	On 30th inst., at 10 A.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	EMPIRE	Brit. str.	—	M. Winckler	GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.	On 6th Jan.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	KUMANO MARU	Jap. str.	—	K. Kawam	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 19th Jan., at Noon
KOBE & YOKOHAMA	TANGO MARU	Jap. str.	—	H. Bauer	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 4th Jan., A.M.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA	PRINZ WALDEMAR	Ger. str.	—	T. Sokine	MELCHERS & Co.	About 9th Jan.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 17th Jan., at Noon
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	KITO MARU	Jap. str.	—	Van d. Jabink	TOTO KAISEN KAISHA	On 11th Feb., at Noon
MEXICAN, PERUVIAN & CHILEAN VIA JAPAN	TILIWONG	Brit. str.	—	—	JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LINE	Quick despatch
SHANGHAI	KOONSHING	Brit. str.	1 m.	Wm. Lloyd Jones	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 27th inst., at D'lig
SHANGHAI	CHENSHAN	Ger. str.	—	H. Formas	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 26th inst., at 4 P.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	DELLOW	Brit. str.	—	T. A. Mitchell	MELCHERS & Co.	About 29th inst.
SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBE	POOKSANG	Brit. str.	—	H. H. Rivers, B.N.R.	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 29th inst., at Noon
SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	NYANZA	Brit. str.	1 m.	C. C. Williams	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 29th inst.
SHANGHAI	LINAN	Brit. str.	—	Selmer	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 30th inst., at Noon
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	SILESIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	—	HAMBURG-AMERIKA	On 1st Jan.
SHANGHAI & KOBE	MIKE MARU	Jap. str.	—	M. Tabusa	HAMBURG-AMERIKA	On 1st Jan.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	CANTON	Swed. str.	—	T. Sato	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 2nd Jan.
SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBE	TONA MARU	Swed. str.	—	Rooy	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 3rd Jan.
SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBE	YEDDO	Dut. str.	—	—	OLAF WILK & Co., LTD.	About 7th Feb.
SHANGHAI	TILITAP	Jan. str.	—	—	OLAF WILK & Co., LTD.	Quick despatch
SWATOW	SOERAT MARU	Brit. str.	2 h.	W. C. Passmore	JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LINE	On 27th inst., at 10 A.
SWATOW, AMOY & POOCHOW	BATCHEING	Brit. str.	2 h.	W. C. Passmore	OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	On 27th inst., at 11 A.
SWATOW	HAICHING	Brit. str.	1 m.	Pennafather	DOUGLAS LAFFRAIE & Co.	On 29th inst., at Noon
SWATOW, AMOY & POOCHOW	TAMING	Brit. str.	—	—	DOUGLAS LAFFRAIE & Co.	On 29th inst., at Noon
MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO	LOONGSANG	Brit. str.	—	Leak	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 30th inst., at 2 P.
MANILA	RUBI	Am. str.	—	S. Croser	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	

PASSENGER SEASON 1912.  
NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD. BREMEN.

TO EUROPE BY THE		MAGNIFICENT FAST LINERS.	
STEAMSHIP	DISPLACEMENT.		
"GOEBEN" - - - - -	17,000 tons		ON FEBRUARY 6TH.
Capt. A. ARNBORN.			
"DERFFLINGER" - - - - -	17,300 "		ON FEBRUARY 21ST.
Capt. F. PROESCH.			
"PRINZ EITEL FRIEDRICH" - - - - -	16,000 "		ON MARCH 5TH.
Capt. E. MALCHOW.			
"YORCK" - - - - -	17,000 "		ON MARCH 20TH.
Capt. J. RANDELMANN.			
"PRINZESS ALICE" - - - - -	20,300 "		ON APRIL 2ND.
Capt. F. GROSCH.			
"LUETZOW" - - - - -	17,300 "		ON APRIL 17TH.
Capt. J. BORTHELDT.			
"KLEIST" - - - - -	17,000 "		ON APRIL 30TH.
Capt. L. MAASS.			

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**IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL**  
**LINES.**

FOR	STAMENES	TONS	TO SAIL
NAPLES, GENOA, ALGIERS, GIBRALTAR, SOUTHAMPTON, ANTWERP and BREMEN ... ..	"KLEIST." Capt. L. MAASS.	15,900	{ Wed'ay, 27th Dec., at Noon.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA ... ..	"BUELOW." Capt. H. FORMES,	16,900	{ About 28th Dec.
MANILA, YAP, ANGAUR, SAMAR, RAI, NEWGUINEA, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE ...	"PRINZ SIGISMUND." Capt. D. LENZ,	6,000	{ Saturday, 30th Dec., at 10 A.M.
KOBE and YOKOHAMA ... ..	"PRINZ WALDEMAR." Capt. H. BREMER,	6,100	{ About 9th Jna.
KUDAT and SANDAKAN ... ..	"BORNEO." Capt. F. SEMBIL,	5,000	{ Middle of January.

All the Steamers of the European Line are fitted with Wireless Telegraphic.  
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For Further Particulars, apply to

**NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD,**  
**MELCHERS & Co.,**  
**GENERAL AGENTS HONGKONG AND CHINA.**

Hongkong, 19th December, 1911.

**CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.'S**  
ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE.  
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Between China, Japan and Europe via Canada and the United States, calling at Shanghai, Nagasaki (through the Inland Sea of Japan) Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria and Vancouver B.C. The only Line that maintains a Regular Schedule Service of  
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Hongkong, 25th December, 1911.

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FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	S.S. SILESIA	1st Jan.	
	S.S. AMBRIA	15th Jan.	
	S.S. GOLDENFELS	24th Jan.	
	S.S. FUEVIA	8th Feb.	
	S.S. PUEBT BUELOW	20th Feb.	
	S.S. BELGRAVIA	1st Mar.	
	S.S. SACHSEN	18th Mar.	
	S.S. C. FERD. LABISZ	3rd April.	

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Hongkong Office. [12]

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1911.

# INDO-CHINA S. NAV. CO., LD.

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL	REMARKS
SHANGHAI	"KOONSANG"	Wed., 27th Dec., D'light.	
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	"KUTSANG"	Thursday, 28th Dec., 3 P.M.	
SHANGHAI, KOBE and MOJI	"FOOKSANG"	Friday, 29th Dec., Noon.	
SANDAKAN	"MAUSANG"	Saturday, 30th Dec., Noon.	
MANILA	"LOONGSANG"	Saturday, 30th Dec., 2 P.M.	
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"HAICHING"	Capt. W. C. Passmore	FRIDAY, 29th Dec., at 11 A.M.

For SWATOW AND RETURN.

(Occupying 3 Days).

STEAMSHIP	CAPTAIN	LEAVING
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Steamers will arrive at and Depart from the Company's Wharf (near Blake Pier).  
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Hongkong, 25th December, 1911.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION)

STEAMER	TONS	CAPTAIN	DATE OF SAILING
TENYO MARU	21,000	E. Bent	FRIDAY, 29th Dec., at Noon.
SHINYO MARU	21,000	H. S. Smith	FRIDAY, 19th Jan., Noon 1912
CHIYO MARU	21,000	W. W. Greege	FRIDAY, 16th Feb. 1912
NIPPON MARU	11,000	A. G. Stevens	FRIDAY, 8th March, at Noon.

All Steamers are equipped with the Japanese Government Wireless Telegraph and Post Office.  
The Triple Screw Steamer "TENYO MARU" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on FRIDAY, 29th December, at Noon.

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STEAMER	TONS	DATE OF SAILING
KIYO MARU	17,500	TUESDAY, 13th Feb., at Noon, 1912.
BUYO MARU	10,500	TUESDAY, 9th April, at Noon.
HONGKONG MARU	11,000	FRIDAY, 7th June, at Noon.

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VICTORIA, B.C. & TACOMA via NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKKAICHI, AND YOKOHAMA ..... "CHICAGO MARU" 6,182 WED'DAY, 27th Dec., at 11 A.M.

VICTORIA, B.C. & TACOMA via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, YOKKAICHI, AND YOKOHAMA ..... "TACOMA MARU" 6,12 WED'DAY, 24th Jan., at 11 A.M.

VICTORIA, B.C. & TACOMA via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, YOKKAICHI, AND YOKOHAMA ..... "CANADA MARU" 6,664 TUESDAY, 9th Jan., at 11 A.M.

VICTORIA, B.C. & TACOMA via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, YOKKAICHI, AND YOKOHAMA ..... "PANAMA MARU" 6,059 SATURDAY, 3rd Feb., at 11 A.M.

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FOR	STEAMERS	LEAVES
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Steamer	Tons	1 P.M. SATURDAY	Steamer	Tons	SATURDAY	FRIDAY
ASSAYE .....	7500	February 3	MANCTUA .....	11000	March 2	March 8
HIMALAYA .....	7000	February 17	MACEPONIA 10500		March 16	March 22
DELHI .....	8000	March 2	MOREA .....	11000	March 30	April 5
INDIA .....	8000	March 16	Through Steamer		April 13	April 19
DEVANHA .....	8000	March 30	MOLDAVIA .....	11000	April 27	May 3
DELTA .....	8000	April 13	MALJOJA .....	12500	May 11	May 17
ASSAYE .....	7500	April 27	MONGOLIA .....	10000	May 25	May 31
DELHI .....	8000	May 11	MALWA .....	11000	June 8	June 14

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NYANZA	...	7000	February	7	March	22
NILE	...	7000	March	6	April	19
NUBIA	...	6000	April	3	May	17
SUMATRA	...	5000	April	17	May	31
NAMUR	...	7000	May	1	June	14
PALAWAN	...	5000	May	15	June	29
BORNEO	...	5000	May	25	July	13
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DESTINATIONS	STEAMERS	TONS	SAILING DATES
MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, PENANG COLOMBO, SUEZ and PORT SAID	KITANO MARU Capt. F. E. Cope	9,000	WED'DAY, 3rd Jan., at Daylight.
	IYO MARU Capt. R. Takeda	7,000	WED'DAY, 17th Jan., at Daylight.
VICTORIA, B.C. and SEATTLE via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, YOKKAICHI, and YOKOHAMA	TAMBA MARU Capt. K. Noda	7,000	TUESDAY, 2nd Jan., at Noon.
	AWA MARU Capt. T. Iizawa	7,000	TUESDAY, 30th Jan., at Noon.
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE	SADO MARU Capt. Richardo	7,000	SATURDAY, 27th Jan., from Kobe
SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE	KUMANO MARU Capt. M. Winkler	6,000	FRIDAY, 19th Jan., at Noon
	YAWATA MARU Capt. T. Sekine	5,000	FRIDAY, 16th Feb., at Noon.
BOMBAY via SINGAPORE, and COLOMBO	BOMBAY MARU Capt. Noma	5,000	TUESDAY, 25th Dec.
KOBE and YOKOHAMA	TANGO MARU Capt. K. Kawara	7,000	THURSDAY, 4th Jan., A.M.
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	YAWATA MARU Capt. T. Sekine	5,000	WED'DAY, 17th Jan., at Noon.
SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBE	TOSA MARU Capt. Sato	6,000	WED'DAY, 3rd Jan.
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KAMO	9,000	F. L. Sommer	February 28th.
AKI	7,000	K. Homma	March 13th.
MISHIMA	9,000	A. C. Moses	March 27th.
KAGA	7,000	M. Hagino	April 10th.
ATSUTA	9,000	Wm. Thompson	April 24th.
HIYACHI	7,000	T. Yamawaki	May 8th.
MIYASAKI	9,000	T. Murai	May 22nd.
INABA MARU	7,000	S. Tomimaga	February 27th.
TAMBA	7,000	K. Noda	March 26th.
SANUKI	7,000		April 9th.
AWA	7,000	T. Iizawa	April 23rd.
INABA	7,000	S. Tomimaga	May 21st.

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